

**Tredyffrin Environmental Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**9 October 2018**

**Present:** Tom Szwech, Rutger Boerema, Kevin O'Neill, Jennifer Cox, Signe Hansen, Priyanka Kapadia, Erin McPherson, Mary Westervelt  
Guest Andrew Siegele

**Reviewed/accepted June 13 minutes**  
**(Reviewed/accepted August 14 minutes)**

**Activity/follow-up reports**

- 2017 EAC Ash-tree survey followed by 2018 survey by Rockwell Associates. Link to their report and MW comments is posted in the Google Docs Tredyffrin EAC/Emerald Ash Borer folder ("2018 July Ash-tree survey by arborists Rockwell Associates") Heather Greenberg reports that Board of Supervisors is looking at the budget and the recommendations in the Rockwell report to determine how to proceed.
- Westover Bird Sanctuary: Historical sign pollinator garden planted, weeded; stone paving installed around sign
- Party in the Park post-mortem. The event was cancelled.

Signe reports that there were many logistical complications re: getting the enviroscape from Radnor, so we would do well to get or make our own.

Rutger reports that electric-car owners were excited about showing their vehicles. She is in contact with Brian Raicich at the Upper Main Line Y about having the same demo at an event in early May.

**Task force reports**

- Stormwater field trip October 20 Suggestions: Signe to send to Scott Best at HS, other teachers. Also send information to Jennifer, Tom, Andrew Siegele.

Mary presented at a Stormwater Workshop at UML YMCA (sponsored by Darby Creek Valley Association). Mary and Rutger heard at that workshop that no townships in Chester County had received approval for their MS4 proposals – they understood that the proposals had all been rejected. When questioned, Erin said that the township had not received any feedback on its plan to date.

Tom suggests 2019 we pepper BoS with ideas, ask public for interest. Possibly give a presentation to the public. Maybe get a news feed going? November e-newsletter?

- Recycling (Tom): Phone conference with Michele Berger, Business Manager Art McDonnell at TESD. Mary and Tom were on the call. Tom summarized his findings re: recycling at the schools, as evidenced by lack of separate dumpsters or mixed refuse and recycling in dumpsters. McDonnell's response: Dumpsters are outside, so vulnerable to dumping from community. Recycling information goes to teachers and staff; custodial staff educated first. They have added clear bags or no bags for recycling. Mary raised concern that recycling has to start with the users of materials: the students in particular.
- Clean energy initiative:
  - September 30 Solar Energy presentation, Tredyffrin Library (Rutger, Jennifer) not well attended. Priyanka will re-connect with the rep at Tesla about getting a solar presentation.

- Tredyffrin Township will join the DVRPC Regional Street Lighting Procurement Program. About 35 other townships are also on board. Board of Supervisors approved the first phase of the project, an initial feasibility study, unanimously. The goal is to replace all street lights with LED lights to save energy and costs.

### **New business**

- Composting in Chesterbrook: brought up by Andrew Seigle. HOA setup currently prohibits composting by individuals. Andrew has seen other solutions such as an entity collecting compost, taking it to (for example) Linvilla Orchards.
- Weeding/tree-tube maintenance needed at Westover Bird Sanctuary. (Not discussed)
- Meeting schedule for 2019; proposed changes due to Pat Hoffman by October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Current proposed 2019 calendar posted in Google Docs Tredyffrin EAC folder.  
2019 Target:  
Have one major topic per quarter, with a focus/takeaway for each meeting. Kevin to relay to BoS.
- Working list of agenda items for 2019 focus (probably for discussion at December meeting)
  - Denise: Parties requesting permitting variances from Planning Commission: What clean-energy strategies are they using?
  - Rutger: EAC should be part of discussion re: Ten-Year Plan
  - Mary: How to incentivize stormwater management on individual properties? Example of a model project: StreamSmart House Calls in Darby/Cobbs watershed sponsored by DCVA

### **REMINDER: Publication schedule** (Pat Hoffman, [Phoffman@tredyffrin.org](mailto:Phoffman@tredyffrin.org)):

- E-newsletter – sent monthly – Pat needs information one week before the end of the month for the following month.
- Printed newsletter – published 3X/year – deadlines as follows:
  - Winter: January 1-15
  - Spring: April 1-15
  - Fall: July 1-15